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32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekends:**

Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION: THE VALUE OF POVERTY

Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance speech:

"... I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget

that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness involves sacrifice. Without sacrifice, a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the child the praise of Mother Teresa. It is easy to think the houses of our lives are in order when perhaps they are not. Religion can sometimes make this easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in the right holy places, reciting the correct prayers—only to

find ourselves empty, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns. The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Whom we actually need to fill us.

We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

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<b>NOV. 6</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Deceased members Knights of Columbus† Knights</b>
<b>NOV. 7</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Brenda Kurko† Family</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Johnnie Stanley† Deborah Shaffer-Palmer</b>
<b>NOV. 8</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Vietnamese boat people who perished</b>
	<i>My-Linh Nguyen</i>
<b>NOV. 9</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Elizabeth Magnone† Libby Magnone</b>
<b>NOV. 10</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Gary Wintz† Ward Family</b>
<b>NOV. 11</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Margaret Lubic† Loretta Remke Doc Romanoski† Suzanne Artimez</b>
<b>NOV. 12</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mary Elizabeth</b>
	<i>John Kirchner</i>
<b>NOV. 13</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Semon &amp; Phyllis Prado Danny Prado</b>
<b>NOV. 14</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Trish Kurelac† Family</b>

*The Sanctuary  
Candle*  
beside the tabernacle burns  
this week for  
*Brenda Kurko*

## Parish Joining Giving Tuesday Campaign

Our parish will again join in the celebration of Giving Tuesday, a global day of kindness and generosity. This year's event is Nov. 30, and there are many ways to participate – by signing up for a new ministry, volunteering, praying, or by donating funds. Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement started in 2012 to encourage people to do good. It has grown to inspire

hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. The Diocese ran its first Giving Tuesday campaign in 2020, and 78 parishes raised more than \$1.2 million. This year, our parish is one already beyond 50 percent of its CSA goal, so Giving Tuesday donations will come fully back to benefit our needs.

We will share more about Giving Tuesday as the day nears.

## Special Retreat Offers Healing for Abused

Survivors of all forms of abuse across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are invited to attend a special retreat titled, "The Way." The Way is three-day guided meditation and prayer program for men and women crafted around the Stations of the Cross. It is an opportunity for healing for survivors by reflecting on God's plan for their lives through prayer and sacraments. There also will be opportunities for individual counseling. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the retreat is free and will be held Nov. 19-20 for men and Feb. 18-20 for women. The location is not being publicized to protect survivors' privacy. Visit <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat> to learn more.

Please register for the retreat with Deborah McDonald at [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org). You may also call 301-853-4466.



### SOULS HONORED

Candles at our altar to Mary memorialize dearly departed loved ones for All Souls' Day.

## Prayer REQUESTS

**Homebound:** Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

**Recently Sick:** Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Celeste Evans, Ted Scarbin, Kelsey Miller, Annie Miller.

**CALENDAR**

Saturday Nov. 6 4 p.m.	<b>MASS for DECEASED KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS</b>
Monday Nov. 8 8:45 a.m.	<b>HOLIDAY CHURCH CLEANING</b>
Tuesday Nov. 9 6:30 p.m.	<b>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Church Hall</b>
Saturday Nov 20 2 p.m.	<b>MOUNDSVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE</b>
Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	<b>LINE DANCING WITH LOTTIE VFW Moundsville</b>
Saturday Dec. 18	<b>FLOWERS DELIVERED TO PARISH HOMEBOUND</b>

**SCHEDULES NOV. 13 & 14**

**LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. **A. Wise / please volunteer**  
 8:00 a.m. **C. Frame / S. Kent**  
 10:00 a.m. **L. Niemiec / L. Yoho**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**ALL MASSES - Please Volunteer**  
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Candles	\$35.00
Online Giving	\$50.90
Attendance	209

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To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact W.Va. Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to contacting civil authorities, report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** have decided to forego monthly fish fries, but they will continue their longstanding and eagerly anticipated tradition of serving fish each Friday during Lent.


Thanks to this year's co-chairs Chuck Taskalines and Tom Berry, as well as Troy Ickler, who will be ordering the food.

Deep appreciation and thanks go out to Greg Green, who is taking a break after several years serving as chair. We are grateful for his service and for all the cabbage and noodles he provided.

**CHRISTMAS PARADE SEATS WILL BE**

 available from the church for \$5 each. The seats might not be as comfortable as your living room couch, but we promise a joyous view of the sights and sounds of the annual parade, which is set for Saturday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. We also will be selling popcorn and hot chocolate. Call or text your reservation to Ruth at 304-215-4906, Julie at 304-312-1711, or Briana at 304-281-1674. Come enjoy the parade at SFX.

**THIS WEEKEND WE ARE TAKING**

 up a special collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, which provides the Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the U.S. Armed Forces.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):**

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PLANNING**



is in full swing, and we are eager for all children who come to St. Francis Xavier to participate!

Please give Lottie Durbin a call at 304-845-4011 or the parish office as soon as possible to share your family's contact information. This will allow us to stay in touch with you about practices and planning. We look forward to welcoming all the children!

**WE COULD USE HELP CLEANING**

the church for the upcoming holidays! We are gathering at 8:45 a.m. this Monday, Nov. 8, to give our house some extra sparkle and shine. Please bring a bucket and elbow grease—we have the soap. If you are not the cleaning type but love to carry ladders, please join us too.

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS**

Week is this week, Nov. 7-13. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be supported by our faith community and respond to God's gift of vocation.



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

**REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:**

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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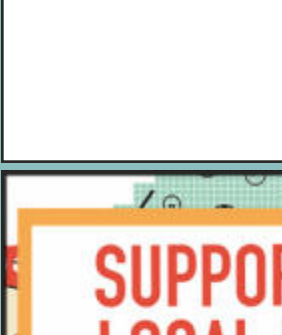
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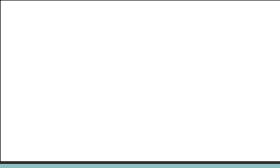
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